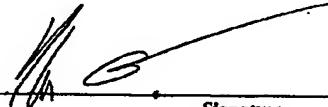


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Amendment and Response

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 2, 2006, Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks in this request for reconsideration. The Examiner is thanked for the courtesy of the telephonic Interview of March 7, 2006 and the revised Office Action of March 13 clarifying the status of claim 19. The Examiner is also thanked for the courtesy of the telephonic interview on June 9, 2006 at which the Wachter and Grandjean references and the current rejection were discussed. No agreement was reached from that interview and the Examiner maintained the current rejection.

Amendments to the Claims: start on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks: start on page 7 of this paper.